



ORDER NUMBER
G-188-20

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

Mission Group Holdings Ltd.
Application for an Exemption pursuant to Section 88(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act*

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
C. Brewer, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on July 15, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 19, 2020, Mission Group Holdings Ltd. (Mission Group) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for exemption from section 71 and partial exemption from Part 3 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) with respect to its residential and office development located at 510-560 Bernard Avenue, Kelowna, B.C. (Application);
- B. Mission Group's residential and office development at 510-560 Bernard Avenue, Kelowna, B.C. will consist of approximately 257 residential strata lots, 11 floors of commercial office space for lease and street level commercial retail units for lease (Development);
- C. In the Application, Mission Group proposes to purchase electricity from FortisBC Inc. and then re-sell the electricity to the occupants of the Development;
- D. Mission Group acknowledges in the Application that, in doing so, it will fall under the definition of a public utility as it is defined in the UCA;
- E. By Order G-130-20, dated June 2, 2020, the BCUC established a public written hearing process and Regulatory Timetable for review of the Application, which consisted of public notification, intervener registration, BCUC and intervener information requests (IRs) and further process to be determined;
- F. By Order G-154-20, dated June 16, 2020, the BCUC approved Mission Group's application to reconsider and vary Directive 2(a) of Order G-130-20 regarding public notification of the Application;
- G. By Thursday July 2, 2020, FortisBC Inc., British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. registered as interveners;

- H. By Order G-181-20, dated July 8, 2020, the BCUC amended the Regulatory Timetable to include IR's to FortisBC Inc.;
- I. On July 9, 2020, the BCUC issued IR No. 1 to Mission Group;
- J. By Letter dated July 10, 2020, Mission Group submitted a request to suspend the proceeding until August 10, 2020 to allow for further discussion with FortisBC Inc. In their submission, Mission Group states that FortisBC Inc. has committed to providing service to all commercial and residential units at the Development and as such, Mission Group may not become a public utility as anticipated; and
- K. The Panel has reviewed the submission and makes the following determinations.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The proceeding is adjourned until August 10, 2020.
2. Mission Group is directed to notify the BCUC by no later than August 10, 2020 as to the progress of its discussions with FortisBC Inc.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of July 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner